Statement-II

Details of funds release of under APDRP

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No	Name of State	Cost of the projects sanctioned	Funds released	Fund utilized (including counter part funds)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1511.40	566.76	560.83
2.	Karnataka	1192.79	435.45	511.63
3.	Tamil Nadu	968.17	344.16	428.85
4.	Rajasthan	1238.19	345.34	405.68
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	642.27	200.50	45.26

Scheme for rural electricity infrastructure

1388. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry has prepared Rs. 16,000 crore schemes on rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification in the rural areas to fulfill the common minimum programme of the present Government;

(b) whether Government has already given its consent;

(c) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be started;

(d) whether out of this 16,000 crore fund outlay around Rs. 14,000 crore will be provided by the budgetary support; and

(e) what are the steps taken to implement this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to achieve the goal of providing access to electricity to all households in five years as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme, a scheme has been prepared which *inter-alia* provides for creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone and Village Electrification Infrastructure. This is expected to involve an expenditure of the order of Rs. 16,000 crores and it is proposed to enhance capital subsidy from the Government for this purpose. The Rural Electrification Corporation which would be the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme has taken

advance action to facilitate early implementation of the scheme on its approval.

Disinvestment in Public Sector Power Corporations

1389. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to disinvest some of the Public Sector Power Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these power companies have opposed any such move; and

(d) if so, the response/reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Eight new power projects

1390. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eight new power projects are coming up across the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects, its lending agencies and the promoters of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) In the past few months, financial closure of 11 private sector power projects with an aggregate installed capacity of about 4001.8 MW has been facilitated through an Inter Institutional Group (IIG) comprising senior representatives from the major Financial Institutions/Banks and the Government of India (Ministry of Power). The IIG was constituted in January, 2004 to facilitate financial closure of private sector projects likely to come up in the Tenth Plan. The details of the projects which have achieved financial closure is given in the enclosed Statement.